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SUBJECT: S&T: COMPUTER APPLICATIONS (01.01)

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1. AUFENKAMP MET 17 FEBRUARY WITH MYASNIKOV FOR ONE HOUR AT U.N. HEADQUARTERS. VITALI KOLESNIKOV (FORMERLY AT SCST) ACTED AS INTERPRETER. MYASNIKOV WAS MUCH INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING WORKING GROUP PROGRAM AND IN LEARNING ABOUT AUFENKAMP'S REPORT OF PROBLEMS IN IMPLEMENTATION OF CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM, SO VISIT DEVELOPED INTO MORE THAN COURTESY CALL AUFENKAMP HAD HAD IN MIND.

2. MYASNIKOV EXPLAINED THAT WORKING GROUP PROGRAM WAS RAMEYEV'S RESPONSIBILITY AND SAID HE HAD NOT BEEN AWARE OF EXTENT OF DIFFICULTIES PRIOR TO MEETING WITH AUFENKAMP. MYASNIKOV EXPLAINED THAT RAMEYEV HAS BEEN SERIOUSLY ILL FOR THE PAST THREE OR FOUR MONTHS AND HAS BEEN IN THE OFFICE ONLY BRIEFLY DURING THAT PERIOD. AUFENKAMP GAVE MYASNIKOV COPY OF STATUS REPORT (PREVIOUSLY SENT TO EMBASSY) AND ILLUSTRATED WITH EXAMPLES OF (1) NO RESPONSE TO U.S. COMMUNICATIONS; (2) PROBLEM OF ESTABLISHING LONG-TERM STUDY

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VISITS; (3) LACK OF SOVIET PAPERS FOR PROCEEDINGS OF TRANSPORTATION SEMINAR; AND (4) SCHEDULING OF TKACHENKO VISIT (MOSCOW 2192) (HE DID KNOW ABOUT THIS DELEGATION). MYASNIKOV SAID HIS IMPRESSION WAS THAT MANAGEMENT WAS POOR ON THE SOVIET SIDE. HE TOOK NOTES ON THESE PROBLEMS AND INDICATED HE WOULD MEET WITH RAMEYEV AND OTHER SOVIET PARTICIPANTS ON RETURN TO MOSCOW TO DISCUSS THESE AND OTHER PROBLEMS NOTED IN AUFENKAMP'S STATUS REPORT.

3. MYASNIKOV PROMISED TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF (1) ASSISTANT TO SOVIET WORKING GROUP CHAIRMAN DURING PERIODS OF RAMEYEV ILLNESS, (2) SPECIAL CONTACT FOR AUFENKAMP FOR CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS, AND (3) STRONGER EMPHASIS ON LONG-TERM STUDY VISITS LEADING TO SUBSTANTIVE RESULTS. MYASNIKOV AGREED THAT ALL THREE POINTS WERE VITAL TO EFFECTIVE COOPERATION AND ALSO SUGGESTED PREPARATION OF JOINT INTERIM SUMMARY REPORT ON WORKING GROUP RESULTS TO DATE AND ACTIVITIES UNDERWAY. AUFENKAMP AGREED TO PREPARE PRELIMINARY DRAFT INTERIM SUMMARY REPORT FOR DISCUSSION IN MOSCOW IN MARCH. MYASNIKOV SAID HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO MEET WITH AUFENKAMP AT THAT TIME.

4. AUFENKAMP JUDGED MEETING TO BE VERY CONSTRUCTIVE AND APPRECIATES EMBASSY SUGGESTION FOR MEETING.

5. AUFENKAMP WOULD ALSO BE APPRECIATIVE OF EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN SECURING SOVIET VISAS FOR AUFENKAMP AND MCMAINS FOR MARCH VISIT (STATE 35712). INGERSOLL

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